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Rod Johnson, do you want to have a point of personal privilege to explain the handout?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, I was planning on sharing this information with Senator Vickers as well. Briefly, each of you have received on your desk a notice from the Midwestern Conference of State Legislatures or State Governments in regards to the trip that Senator Vickers and Senator Schmit and myself took to Chicago over the last weekend to discuss some of the farm policies that we would like to discuss with our federal leaders when we return to Washington. By the urging of Senator Chambers last week, he made sure to make his thoughts known to us that we needed to go back with something more than an empty sack. And I think that if you review this statement that we adopted at this meeting of which there were close to I believe 50 or 60 representatives from 13 states around the Midwest, we adopted what we call some "talking points" and I think maybe Senator Vickers would like to go into that in more detail, but I urge you to read this, to review it, especially those individuals who are planning on returning with the Washington delegation or the multistate delegation later this month because it is important reading for those of you to get some idea of what the other states are interested in talking about and I think it would be helpful to have some proposals to offer to our Congressional and administrative leaders. I think Senator Vickers would like to also (interruption)...

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers on a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I would like to offer my thanks to Senator Cal Carsten since he was the person when LR 2 was first being discussed that suggested that we should use the Midwestern Conference as a mechanism to try to implement the intent of LR 2 and, therefore, after that suggestion, Senator Carsten and I did offer a resolution which was the starting point for the meeting that Senator Johnson and I attended in Chicago on Saturday. As Senator Johnson has pointed out, there were about 50 some state legislators there from I think 12 states and we had a lively discussion about the working up of a policy statement that we could all agree to, and as you may imagine, with 50 state legislators there, we had a lot of fun with the definition of what words meant much as we do in this body. But I think we did come up with a paper that